

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 425**

January 26, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to report annually to the Judiciary Committee of the Senate and to the Children and Family Affairs Subcommittee of the House of Representatives the number of times within the preceding year that a person, seeking to receive goods or services from a social services agency, objects to that organization's religious character.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-308(d), the state or local government is required to provide a person, who objects to an organization's religious character, with assistance from an alternative provider, if available, that is not less than the value of assistance that the person would have received from the religious organization. Therefore, state and local governments should already have record of these types of objections.
- The compilation and delivery of an annual report by DCS and DHS can be done within existing resources and personnel.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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